

Blossoms and Butterflies

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Information & Reservations

Wilmington Recreation Department

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\$50 deposit due upon booking. Remaining balance due by March 28

Tour Includes:

- Motor Coach
- ToD Tour Director
- Free-Time at Yankee Candle
- Lunch
- Guided Tour of Magic Wings
- All Gratuities (Including Driver and Tour Director)

Depart: 8:00 am –Town Common Parking Lot,
142 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, MA

Estimated Return: 6:30 pm

Trip Activity Level: 🐾 🐾 *Masks currently required for travel in MA.*

First stop of the day is **Yankee Candle** located in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. Besides being at the top of many people's list of "fun things to do in Massachusetts" during the winter months, visiting the flagship store provides amusement and holiday cheer year-round. Walking into the store is like entering another world. You can easily spend hours roaming the winding showrooms, losing yourself in the infinite varieties of fragrant scents.

Lunch today will be served at the **Deerfield Inn**. Choice between: New England Braised Beef, Herb Crusted White Fish (topped with toasted herbed crumbs with a sundried tomato beurre blanc) or Vegetable Lasagna Rolls. The meal comes with warmed rolls and butter, baby green salad, coffee, tea, and dessert.

We will have a **guided tour** at **Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens**. Magic Wings opened its doors in the year 2000 and is an 18,200 square foot facility that includes an 8,000 square foot glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation. Year-round, the conservatory is at 80 degrees which creates a tropical like environment. The sound of the waterfall, peaceful music and hundreds of butterflies fluttering freely through the air creates a tranquil and serene atmosphere. Bring your camera for some beautiful photo opportunities. If you're lucky, one might even land on you!

We end our trip of beautiful things by spending some time at the **Bridge of Flowers**. It was built in 1908 by the Shelburne Falls and Colrain Street Railway so that freight could be picked up and dropped off directly with the railroads. The street railway became bankrupt in 1927 and it sat unused and covered in weeds for a couple years. In 1929, Antoinette Burnham came up with the idea of transforming the bridge into a garden. The Bridge of Flowers Committee was initiated by the Shelburne Falls Area Women's Club and its gardeners and volunteer members work hard to keep the bridge's many flowers, plants, trees, shrubs and vines growing beautifully throughout the season.

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